Garlic-Mustard - Alliaria petiolata (Edinburgh/Lothians)

(Also may be referred to on the web as “Jack-by-the-Hedge”.)

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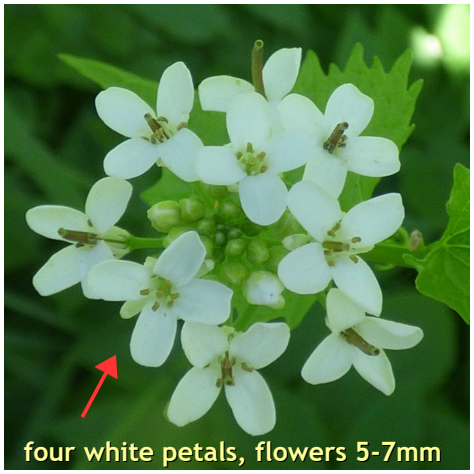
• You may find it helpful to zoom into the pictures.

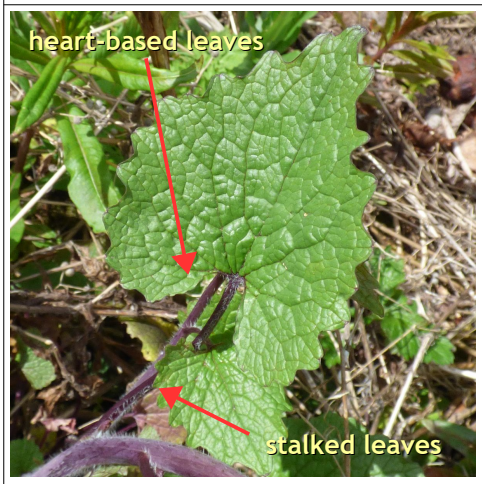
• **Key Features** : White flowers with four petals, 5-7mm across, stalked heart-based leaves, leaf stalks are not large-expanded at base.

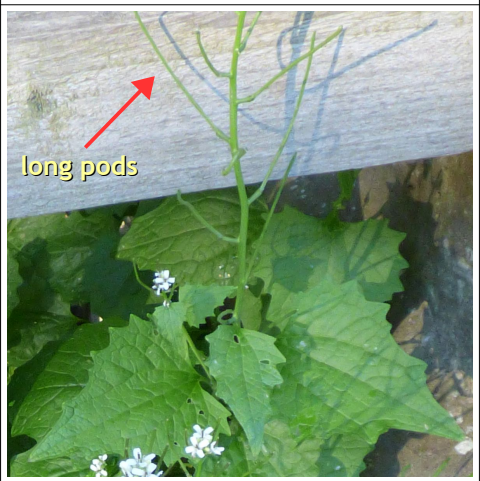
• **Where to look** : Everywhere. Light shade on the edges of hedges and woods. BSBI Maps.

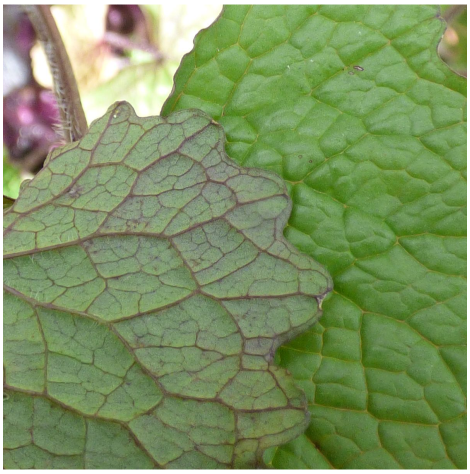
• **Suggestions** (remember to clean off any insects) : **RAW** all parts incl. pods (seeds are quite hot); leaves best before seeding. Web recipies. PFAF.

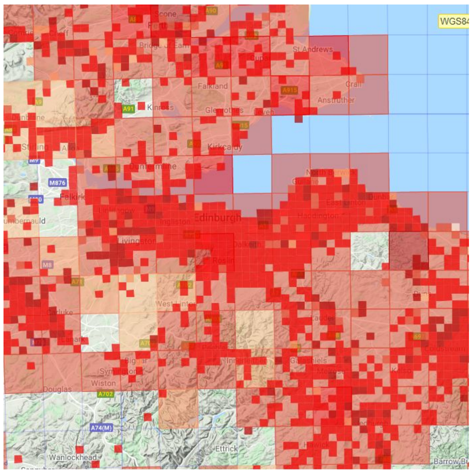
Photos







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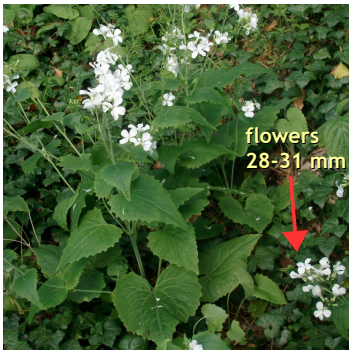
Could be confused with...

Honesty (White Form) - Lunaria annua

• The white-flowered form of Honesty may be similar, but the flowers are much larger (28-31 mm instead of 5-7mm) and it has pods like large pennies. Honesty is also edible. The end picture shows Garlic Mustard (white flowers) and Honesty (usual purple colour) growing together. PFAF. BSBI Map.

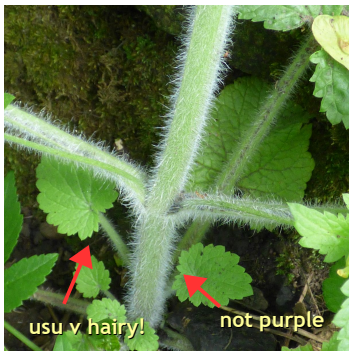


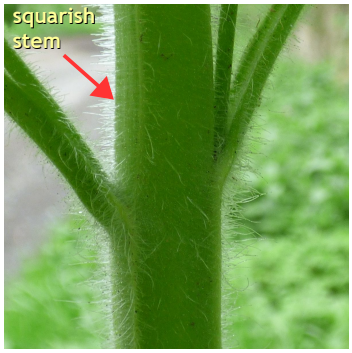
Pyrenean Valerian - Valeriana pyrenaica

• The early leaves of Pyrenean Valerian could resemble Garlic Mustard. It grows in damp/shady spots esp woods, and has a head of lightish pink flowers (that could look white) with long protruding stamens. BSBI Map.

Yellow Figwort (uncommon) - Scrophularia vernalis

• The leaves of Green Figwort could look similar, but all parts are much hairier, the leaves with teeth upon teeth, and once flowering (Apr-Jun) the flowers are very different. The end picture shows Garlic Mustard and Yellow Figwort growing together. BSBI Map.





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